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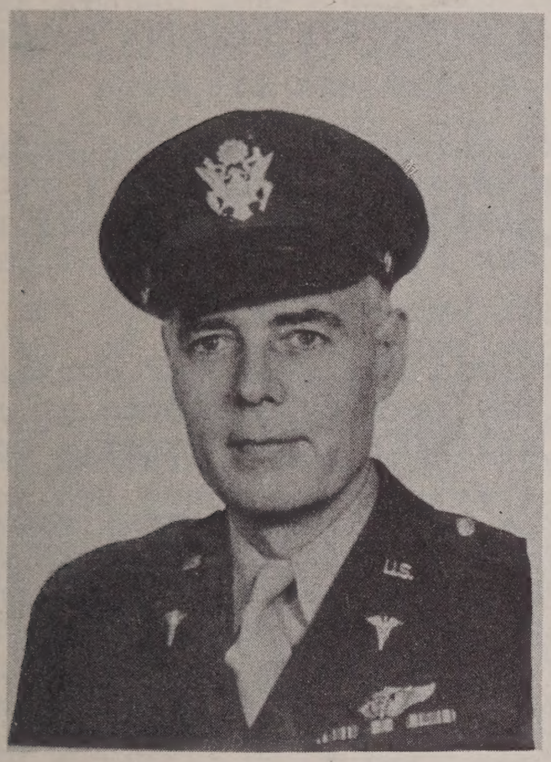

SULLIVAN! WHAT MAGIC TO THIS NAME! IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS IT IS JOHN L. SULLIVAN, THE GREATEST FIGHTER OF THEM ALL. IN THE WAR OF COLONIAL DAYS IT COULD BE GEN. JOHN SULLIVAN AT THE SIEGE OF BOSTON, OR THE FIVE HEROIC SULLIVAN BROTHERS WHO PERISHED TOGETHER IN WORLD WAR II, RATHER THAN BE SEPARATED. AGAIN, IN THE FIELD OF MUSIC, IT IS SULLIVAN (WITH AN ASSIST FROM W.S. GILBERT) WHO GAVE US THE "MIKADO" OR "IOLANTHE". BUT AT SPECIAL SURGERY IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE MAN, JOHN E. SULLIVAN, DIRECTOR OF SURGERY.

THIS TALL, GRAYING MAN WITH THE SOFT, GENTLE VOICE, WHOSE SKILL WITH THE KNIFE IS SO WELL KNOWN AS TO BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED, HIS GREATNESS AS A SURGEON EXCEEDED ONLY BY HIS HUMANNESS AND UNDERSTANDING. HERE IS THE HEAD AND THE HEART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY. IT SEEMS THAT HE AND THE HOSPITAL HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AS ONE, HE FIRST BECOMING ASSOCIATED IN 1931. ALTHOUGH THE HOSPITAL HAS CHANGED WITH ITS NEW FACE-LIFTING, NEW EQUIPMENT, LEGIONS OF NEW RESIDENTS AND INTERNES, THIS KINDLY MAN HAS NOT. HE HAS ONLY BECOME MORE SKILFUL, MORE UNDERSTANDING TO THE SICK, AND IF POSSIBLE, BETTER LOVED AND RESPECTED BY HIS MOST EMINENT COLLEAGUE DOWN TO THE NEWEST ADDITION TO THE HOSPITAL PERSONNEL. YES, THIS MAN HAS A PROFILE INDEED (AND A MOST HANDSOME ONE AT THAT!).

BUT HOW CAN ONE WRITE ABOUT SUCH A MAN--AS ELUSIVE AS A LEPERCHAUN SHY AND DIFFIDENT AS THE RAREST OF VIOLETS AND MOST UNCOMMUNICATIVE WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT HIMSELF? ASK HIS FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, NURSES OR PATIENTS, SOMEONE SUGGESTED. INQUIRY ELICITED THE SAME ANSWER FROM ALL--"A GREAT GUY", "WONDERFUL SURGEON", "HUMANITARIAN". WAS THIS GOING TO BE A PROFILE OF A SAINT OR A MAN? HE MUST HAVE BEEN AN ORDINARY PERSON AT ONE TIME.

AFTER FOUR MONTHS OF "CLOAK AND DAGGERING" THIS MORE OR LESS FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF THE SUBJECT OF THIS TEXT WAS CREATED.

JOHN EDWARD SULLIVAN WAS BORN ON MAY 21, 1900, IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN THE TWINKLING LITTLE TOWN OF SPANGLE (A MOST APPROPRIATE NAME FOR THE BIRTHPLACE OF OUR STAR). FOLLOWING THE BIRTH OF FOUR SISTERS, HE ARRIVED, AND HIS FATHER HOISTED A PAIR OF PANTS TO THE FLAGPOLE IN THEIR YARD TO LET THE WORLD KNOW THE NAME OF SULLIVAN WOULD BE PERPETUATED. IT WOULD BE A ROMANTIC TWIST TO SAY HIS PARENTS WERE FROM THE EMERALD ISLE, BUT IT SEEMS HIS FATHER, A GRAIN BROKER, WAS BORN IN MINNESOTA AND HIS MOTHER IN NEW YORK CITY.

EARLY SCHOOLING WAS RECEIVED IN SPANGLE AND EVERY SUMMER WAS SPENT IN A RANCH IN WASHINGTON WHERE THE YOUNG MAN LEARNED TO RIDE AND HERD CATTLE AT AN EARLY AGE.

LIFE WAS TRANQUIL EXCEPT FOR THE ECCENTRICITIES OF HIS UNCLE TOM WHOSE GREATEST DELIGHT WAS MAKING TENDERFEET COW-HANDS DANCE TO THE STACCATO MUSIC OF A SIX-SHOOTER. THIS SPORT WENT ON FOR YEARS UNTIL ONE DAY UNCLE TOM SHOT A COUPLE OF HIS OWN TOES OFF AND HIS INTEREST IN THE GAME SEEMED TO DIE.

HIGH SCHOOL DAYS WERE SPENT IN SANDIEGO AND WITH THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR I, THE YOUNG MAN ENLISTED IN THE INFANTRY, ENDING UP IN TEXAS AT THE ARMISTICE, WITH HIS FIRST MILITARY ADVANCEMENT-- CORPORAL.

THEN CAME DAYS OF INDECISION AS TO A CAREER, BUT AFTER FOUR YEARS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON(SEATTLE), HE GRADUATED IN 1922 WITH A BATCHELOR'S DEGREE AND A MAJOR IN HISTORY. A YEAR IN THE CREDIT BUSINESS CONVINCED HIM THAT ORDINARY FIGURES WERE NOT FOR HIM AND HENCE THE "DEATH OF A SALESMAN" AND THE BIRTH OF THE YOUNG MEDICO. HIS INTEREST HAD BEEN STIMULATED BY ONE SUMMER SPEND IN ALASKA FIGHTING INFLUENZA AMONG THE INDIANS AND ESKIMOS AND IT WAS HIS ADMIRATION FOR ONE OF THE COAST GUARD DOCTORS WHO LATER ENCOURAGED HIM TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL AND TAKE UP MEDICINE. IN 1923 HE WAS ACCEPTED AT COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS IN NEW YORK AND FOUR YEARS LATER GRADUATED WITH HONORS AND ELECTION TO AOA (THE MEDICAL PHI BETA KAPPA). HERE AT LAST HE FOUND HIS NICHE;- AT COLLEGE WITH ONLY MEDIOCRE MARKS, HE REACHED THE PINNACLE OF SCHOLASTIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE FIELD OF MEDICINE.

THINGS THEN MOVED FAST AND FURIOUSLY. BEFORE HIS GRADUATION HE MARRIED GRETCHEN BREHM FROM SEATTLE IN 1926, AND A DAUGHTER, ANNE, WAS BORN IN 1931.

FOLLOWING BELLEVUE INTERNSHIP IN 1930 HE WAS THE FIRST AND ONLY INTERN AT THE NEW MARY IMOGENE BASSETT HOSPITAL AT COOPERSTOWN, N. Y., WHERE HE DID ALL TYPES OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY. HE ALSO SPENT SIX MONTHS ON SURGERY IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH HOSPITAL AT ELLIS ISLAND, FOLLOWED BY SHORT RESIDENCES AT HARLEM HOSPITAL AND AS ASSISTANT SURGICAL

PATHOLOGIST AT FRENCH HOSPITAL IN NEW YORK CITY. HIS FIRST START AT SPECIAL SURGERY (THEN THE HOSPITAL FOR RUPTURED AND CRIPPLED) WAS AS A FELLOW IN SURGERY IN 1931, AND IN 1932 HE BECAME A STAFF MEMBER WHICH HE HELD UNTIL 1942 WHEN HE AGAIN ENLISTED, THIS TIME IN THE AIR FORCE WHERE HE SOON BECAME CHIEF OF THE SURGICAL SERVICE AT FT. GEORGE WRIGHT IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, WHICH WAS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SECOND AIR FORCE (BOMBING COMMAND).

IN THE SPRING OF 1943 HE WAS SENT TO THE SCHOOL OF AVIATION MEDICINE AT RANDOLPH FIELD, TEXAS, WHERE A COMPLETE REVIEW OF THE FOUR YEAR MEDICAL COURSE WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN SIX WEEKS SIMPLY BY GOING TO SCHOOL 12 HOURS A DAY AND STUDYING MOST OF THE NIGHT, IN ORDER NOT TO FALL BEHIND THE CLASS. HERE HE LEARNED NOSE AND THROAT, EYE REFRACTIONS AND AERODYNAMICS OF FLYING. FOLLOWING THIS HE WAS SENT TO SANTA ANA AIR BASE FOR AVIATION MEDICINE AND PRACTICAL TRAINING, AND THERE CHOSEN AS A SURGICAL CONSULTANT FOR THE AIR FORCES (A POSITION RETAINED BY ONLY FOUR OTHER OFFICERS), WHICH HE HELD FOR THE REST OF THE WAR. FOR THIS HE WAS ENTITLED TO WEAR THE COVETED FLIGHT SURGEONS WINGS AND DRAW FLIGHT SURGEONS PAY.

AT THIS STAGE IN THE INTERVIEW THE QUESTION WAS ASKED FOR ANY AMUSING OR HUMAN INTEREST STORIES THAT HE COULD RECALL IN THIS MERITORIOUS CAREER. "WELL", HE SAID, "HE WAS SCARED MOST OF THE TIME HE HAD TO FLY, BUT THE CLOSEST SQUEAK HE EXPERIENCED HAD A MOST AMUSING HAPPY ENDING". THEY WERE FLYING OVER LOS ANGELES AND BECAUSE OF THE DENSE FOG COULD NOT LOCATE THE AIR FIELD. ALSO THE RADIO TOOK THIS MOMENT TO CONK OUT. NOT HAVING ENOUGH GAS TO RETURN TO DENVER, THE POINT OF TAKE-OFF, THEY DECIDED TO HEAD FOR THE OCEAN AND BAIL OUT IN THE SHALLOW WATER. BUT HERE THEY RECEIVED AN UNEXPECTED ASSIST FROM THE NAVY, WHICH WAS REPRESENTED BY A YOUNG SAILOR WHO HAD HITCHED A RIDE WITH THEM FROM DENVER. THE GOB, LOOKING THROUGH A SLIGHT RIFT IN THE FOG, SPOTTED A LANDING STRIP IN THE NORTHRUP PLANT GROUNDS AND, BEING A NATIVE FROM THAT PART OF THE CITY, GUIDED THEM TO A SAFE THREE-POINT LANDING. THE LUCK OF THE IRISH!

THE LAST FEW MONTHS OF THE WAR HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE AIR FORCE REHABILITATION PROJECTS OUT OF WASHINGTON, D. C., AS SURGICAL CONSULTANT. AT THE END OF THE WAR HE WAS AWARDED THE LEGION OF MERIT FOR HIS SERVICE WITH THE AIR FORCES. HE ENTERED THE SERVICES WITH THE RANK OF MAJOR AND WAS DISCHARGED A FULL COLONEL.

JUST A FEW OF HIS MANY APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS ARE: DIPLOMATE OF AMERICAN BOARD OF SURGERY; FELLOW OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SURGERY OF TRAUMA; N. Y. SURGICAL SOCIETY; SOCIETY OF U.S. MEDICAL CONSULTANTS; CONSULTANT CHILDRENS SURGERY AT BELLEVUE HOSPITAL, AND CHIEF OF THE SURGICAL SERVICE AT SPECIAL SURGERY SINCE 1950. HE HAS CONTRIBUTED MANY ARTICLES TO MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNALS.

IN 1939 HE DID THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL LIGATION OF A DUCTUS ARTERIOSIS IN BELLEVUE HOSPITAL AND THIS LONG BEFORE THE ADVENT OF TELEVISION, WHERE THE BEST SURGERY IS NOW DONE IN ONE'S LIVING ROOM. HIS BIGGEST AUDIENCE WAS WHEN HE DELIVERED A BABY AT 43RD AND MADISON AVENUE, BEING CHEERED ON BY THE NOON-DAY CROWD. HIS BIGGEST "BONER" -- WHEN HE DIAGNOSED A SKULL FRACTURE BY WATCHING THE PUPILLARY REFLEXES OF A COMATOSE PATIENT WEARING A GLASS EYE.

WITH SUCH A DISTINGUISHED SURGICAL AND MILITARY CAREER ONE WOULD EXPECT THE GRUFF SOLDIER WHO BARKS COMMANDS TO HIS SURGICAL ASSISTANTS AND OPERATING ROOM NURSES-- A DISCIPLINARIAN, A MARTINET. NO--THE ONLY ONE DISCIPLINED IS HIMSELF--WITH SURGICAL ACUMEN, RARE JUDGMENT, YET THERE IS ALWAYS A CALMNESS IN THE OPERATING ROOM WHEN JOHN IS DOING A CASE. THERE IS ALWAYS THE PAT ON THE BACK TO HIS YOUNGER ASSISTANTS, A GRACIOUS THANKS TO THE NURSES AND ANETHETIST WHEN THE OPERATION IS COMPLETED.

WHAT DOES THIS MAN DO FOR A HOLIDAY? USUALLY HE RETURNS TO HIS BELOVED WEST TO RIDE IN THE DESERT COUNTRY. HE IS AS FAMILIAR WITH THE NAVAJO COUNTRY AND MONUMENT VALLEY AS HE IS WITH THE AMPULLA OF VATER OR BRYANT'S TRIANGLE. THIS NEW UNEXPLORED COUNTRY IS A CHALLENGE. ANOTHER PLEASURE FOR THIS BUSY MAN IS READING OF GOOD BOOKS. MURDER TALES DO NOT APPEAL TO THE SURGEON. HE PREFERS HISTORY(HIS COLLEGE MAJOR), ESPECIALLY THE SAGAS OF THE FOUNDING OF THE WEST.

AND SO ENDS THE PROFILE OF JOHN WHO, LIKE JOHN ALDEN, WOULDN'T "SPEAK FOR HIMSELF".

"THERE'S BUT A TWINKLING OF A STAR
BETWEEN A MAN OF PEACE AND WAR"
- BUTLER

********** W. H. S.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

THIS MONTH I HAVE TWO ANNOUNCEMENTS TO MAKE. IN THE FIRST PLACE, I AM SURE THAT YOU HAVE HEARD IT RUMOURED THROUGHOUT THE HOSPITAL THAT MISS CLEANTHE LOGOTHETEN WILL RETIRE AS DIRECTOR OF NURSING WHEN WE MOVE TO OUR NEW BUILDING NEXT APRIL. THIS REPORT IS TRUE, AND IT IS SOMETHING ALL OF US DEEPLY REGRET, REALIZING THAT HER PLACE WILL BE HARD TO FILL. WE SHALL ALL MISS HER VERY MUCH BUT WITH A REALIZATION THAT SHE HAS SERVED OUR HOSPITAL LONG AND FAITHFULLY.

WE HAVE BEEN MOST FURTUNATE, HOWEVER WITH THE HELP OF MISS LOGOTHETEN, IN FINDING SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER HER DUTIES AS DIRECTOR OF NURSING SERVICE. SHE IS MISS MARY JEANNE CLAPP, A GRADUATE OF THE YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING IN 1943, WITH A DEGREE OF M.N. SHE RECEIVED HER POST-GRADUATE TRAINING AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY, AND SHE IS PRESENTLY SERVING AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL GREENFIELD, MASS., AS DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL OF NURSING, AND NURSING SERVICE. BEFORE GOING TO GREENFIELD, MISS CLAPP HAD BEEN CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR AT THE

SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL, ON THE STAFF OF THE WESSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS., AND DIRECTOR OF NURSES AT LACONIA HOSPITAL, LACONIA, N. H. MISS CLAPP WILL START HER DUTIES HERE ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 15, 1955.

MY OTHER ANNOUNCEMENT HAS TO DO WITH OUR NEW SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL NURSES. EARLY THIS SPRING IT WAS PROPOSED TO OUR BOARD OF MANAGERS THAT WE ESTABLISH A SCHOOL FOR PRACTICAL NURSES AND THE BOARD RECOMMENDED THAT APPLICATION BE MADE TO THE NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR ITS APPROVAL. WE HAVE RECEIVED THAT APPROVAL, EFFECTIVE PROVISIONALLY FOR TWO YEARS. THE CURRICULUM WILL CONSIST OF ONE YEARS TRAINING PROGRAM LEADING TO A DIPLOMA IN PRACTICAL NURSING. THIS COURSE IS BEING OFFERED BY THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY IN AFFILIATION WITH NEW YORK HOSPITAL-CORNELL MEDICAL CENTER AND WILL START ON JANUARY 17, 1955.

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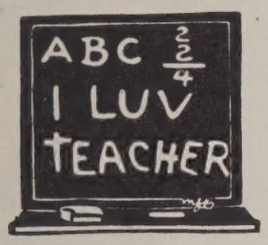
T. GORDON YOUNG.
DIRECTOR

UP IN THE SCHOOLROOM



THE COMING OF HALLOWE'EN ONCE AGAIN BROUGHT QUITE A GREAT DEAL OF EXCITEMENT TO THE CLASSROOM. SMALLER CHILDREN WERE VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN MAKING MASKS, WITCHES AND JACK O'LANTERNS THAT GO WITH THIS FUN-FITTED HOLIDAY.

MRS. AMERICA'S VISIT BROUGHT MUCH EXCITEMENT TO THE STUDENTS. SHE GAVE GIFTS AND AND AUTOGRAPHS TO MANY OF THE CHILDREN. THE YOUNG SCHOOLGIRLS OF 3A WERE ESPECIALLY THRILLED TO MEET THE REAL MRS. AMERICA - FACE TO FACE.

THE CLASSROOM HAS MANY FRIENDS WHO HELP MAKE LEARNING FUN. WE ALL WANT TO THANK MRS. JOHANNA REINHARD FOR DONATING THE AUTHENTIC GUATEMALAN DOLLS. THESE HAVE GIVEN MANY OF THE STUDENTS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY WHICH IS OF SUCH INTEREST TO US TODAY. WE HAVE ANOTHER FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR FROM TUDOR CITY. MRS. LITA SCHEEL HAS VOLUNTEERED HER CAPABLE SERVICES AS AN ARTIST AND STORY TELLER. HER ABILITY AND PLEASANT MANNER HAVE CHARMED HER LITTLE LISTENERS. THEY LOOK FORWARD TO HER MONDAY VISITS.

MISS MARINARO'S "RHYTHM BAND" KEEPS THE CHILDREN QUITE BUSY PRACTICING ON THEIR INSTRUMENTS. THEY REALLY SOUND LIKE YOUNG KRUPA'S AS THEY BEAT OUT THEIR HAPPY RHYTHMS. FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE YOUNGER CHILDREN ENJOYED FILM STRIPS ABOUT FARM LIFE PROJECTED ON OUR NEW ACQUISITION, THE VIEWTEX.....WELL, ALL WE CAN SAY IS "WHAT A LIVELY MONTH THE SCHOOLRROM HAS HAD!"

WINIFRED FARLEY
ARLENE GOLDSTEIN (WARD 5D)

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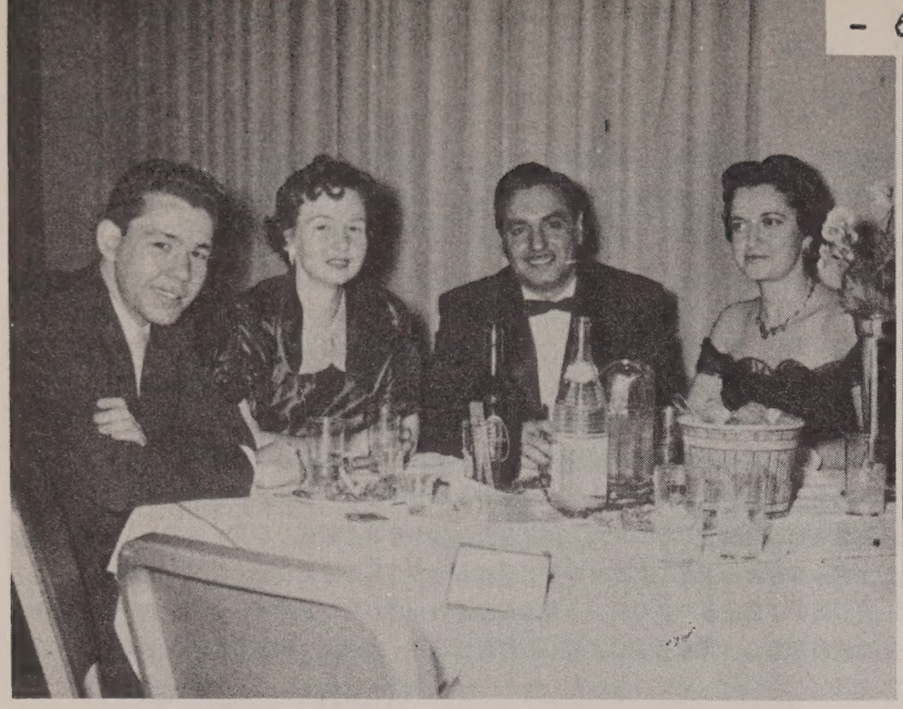
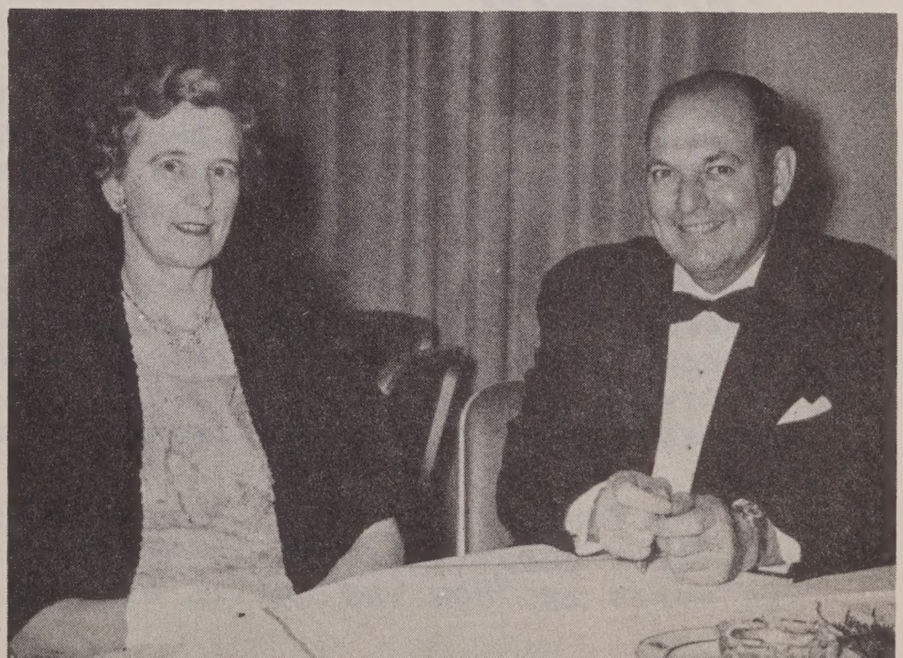


A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AT THE 4TH ANNUAL R&C BALL AT ESSEX HOUSE ON OCTOBER 29TH.



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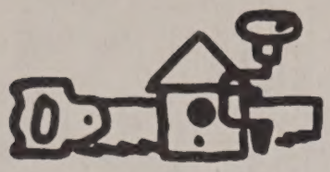
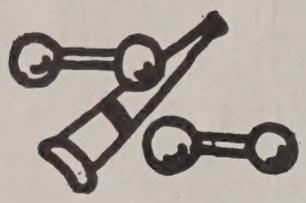


MISS NICHOLS WAS SENT BY THE HOSPITAL TO WASHINGTON, TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION. THE THEME OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION WAS "CAPITALIZE YOUR ASSETS", AND WAS A VERY WELL-ROUNDED PROGRAM INCLUDING SUCH SUBJECTS AS: RESEARCH, INDUSTRIAL MEDICINE; REHABILITATION; TECHNIQUES AND PSYCHOLOGY OF INSTRUCTION; WORK WITH THE BLIND, HARD OF HEARING, AND THOSE WITH SPEECH IMPAIRMENTS; AND VISITS TO HOSPITALS AND SHELTERED WORK SHOPS.

THE INSTITUTE WHICH PRECEDED THE GENERAL SESSIONS HAD FOR ITS THEME, "INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS". THIS WAS WELL ORGANIZED INTO SPEECHES, PANEL DISCUSSIONS, AND SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS.....THE CONVENTION HAD A HIGHER ATTENDANCE THAN ANY PREVIOUS CONVENTIONS AND MISS NICHOLS FELT THAT IT WAS OF GREAT VALUE.

********** D. N.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE:



HERE IT IS R&C TIME AGAIN...AS THIS ISSUE IS GOING TO BE THE "ALUMNI ISSUE" ALL OF US IN PHYSIO EXTEND A GREAT BIG WELCOME!....THE POLIO WARDS HAVE ALL THE LUCK...THEY HAVE ACQUIRED A VOLUNTEER. SHE IS MISS VIRGINIA MCDAVID, A DRAMA STUDENT, AND HER OFFICIAL TITLE "CHIEF STRETCHER PUSHER".....I UNDERSTAND THAT EVERYBODY HAD A WONDERFUL TIME AT THE R&C DANCE!

********** L. T.

SOCIAL SERVICE NOTES

EVERY FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH A SOCIAL SERVICE STAFF MEETING IS HELD IN THE MUSEUM AT 3:30 P.M. THE AGENDA COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF MRS. MANDEVILLE, CHAIRMAN, MISS ROBY AND MISS THAYER HAVE PLANNED AN INTERESTING PROGRAM FOR THE COMING YEAR. THEY HAVE SCHEDULED A NUMBER OF PROMINENT SPEAKERS FROM THE FIELD OF SOCIAL WORK AND ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IS WELCOME TO ATTEND A MEETING WHEN ONE OF THESE SPEAKERS IS PRESENT. ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE FROM TIME TO TIME, SO PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN BOARD.

WE ARE SORRY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF ROSALIE OLIVER, BUT SHE IS PLANNING TO ENTER THE FIELD OF FINE ARTS AND WE WISH HER EVERY SUCCESS. WE ARE HAPPY TO INTRODUCE MARILYN MALCUS, WHO IS REPLACING ROSALIE, AND HOPE THAT SHE FINDS HER SECRETARIAL DUTIES IN OUR DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH CEREBRAL PALSY BOTH INTERESTING AND STIMULATING.

ON THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 4TH HELENE GLASNER OF OUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE A GUEST LECTURER AT HUNTER COLLEGE SCHOOL OF GENERAL STUDIES. HER TOPIC IS "HOW THE SOCIAL WORKER HELPS THE CEREBRAL PALSY FAMILY".

********** E. A.

VOLUNTEERS

WE ARE FORTUNATE IN INTERVIEWING AND PLACING FOUR NEW VOLUNTEERS IN OCTOBER. A GOOD START FOR THE USUAL BUSY WINTER.

THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BLUE COATS ARE MAKING SO MANY ATTRACTIVE ARTICLES FOR THE SALE NEXT MONTH.

6B JOYOUSLY WELCOMES BACK THE OLD VOLUNTEERS SO HELPFUL AT TRAY TIME.....ONCE AGAIN THE MOVIES ARE PROVING A GREAT PLEASURE TO THE PATIENTS. IT WILL SOON BE NECESSARY TO PUT UP AN S.R.O. SIGN. WE ASK YOU TO BE READY FOR THE BLUE COATS TO ESCORT YOU BETWEEN 6:30 AND 7:00 AS WE CANNOT PLACE YOU IN A GOOD POSITION, AFTER THE LIGHTS ARE OUT. WE HAVE SOME EXCELLENT MOVIES PLANNED.

********** C. A. E.

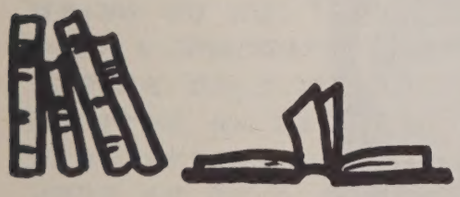
CEREBRAL PALSY CLINIC

THIS HAS BEEN QUITE AN EXCITING MONTH FOR THE CEREBRAL PALSY CLINIC. FIRST THERE WAS THAT MOST ENJOYABLE VISIT TO THE RODEO WITH ABOUT FIFTY YOUNGSTERS. A WONDERFUL TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. NEXT BIG EVENT WAS AN INVITATION TO BRING SOME OF OUR CHILDREN DOWN TO THE CEREBRAL PALSY TELETHON. FROM THE LATEST REPORTS IT SEEMS LIKE THE TELETHON BROUGHT IN QUITE A BIT OF MONEY. THE BIGGEST EVENT OF THE MONTH WAS A BABY GIRL FOR THE PODELLS'--MOTHER AND BABY DOING FINE.

THIS BEING ALUMNI TIME--LET ME EXTEND FOR MYSELF AND THE STAFF A BIG HELLO!! TO ALL ALUMNI WHO WILL BE VISITING OUR HOSPITAL. DROP IN AND SAY HELLO.

********** A.P.

PATIENTS' LIBRARIES



THE WORK IN THE PATIENT'S LIBRARY DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER HAS BEEN CARRIED ON BY OUR REGULAR STAFF OF VOLUNTEERS. IT IS UNUSUAL TO BE ABLE TO KEEP SUCH A GROUP TOGETHER DURING THE FOUR SEASONS YEAR AFTER YEAR.

THE CIRCULATION FELL OFF HEAVILY DURING THE SUMMER BECAUSE OF A GREAT DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS TO BE SERVED. NOW THAT BEDS ARE FULL AGAIN AND WE ARE OPEN TWO DAYS A WEEK INSTEAD OF ONE, WE ARE TAKING OUR ACCUSTOMED PLACE HIGH ON THE LIST OF THE UNITED HOSPITAL BUREAU'S MONTHLY HONOR ROLL.

********** A.G.O.

MRS. WALTER D. FLETCHER A MEMBER OF OUR BOARD OF MANAGERS, PRESENTS THE PRIZES TO THE WINNERS OF THE NURSES' ESSAY CONTEST. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: MRS. IRA ALVES, MISS BERTIE WILSON, MISS JANE WILSON AND MRS. WALTER D. FLETCHER.

WELCOME ALUMNI

"WHAT NURSING MEANS TO ME"

WE PUBLISH BELOW THE THREE WINNING ESSAYS IN THE CONTEST OPEN TO THE NURSING STAFF OF THIS HOSPITAL DURING NATIONAL NURSES' WEEK.

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"IT MEANS REAL CONTACT WITH PEOPLE IN A VERY PERSONAL WAY, NOT ONLY IN HELPING TO ALLEVIATE THEIR PAIN, HELPING TO MAKE THEM COMFORTABLE, BUT ALSO IN GETTING CLOSE TO THEM IN THEIR TROUBLES AND SORROW. GIVING THEM COURAGE TO LIVE WITH THEIR HANDICAPS OR TO HELP OVERCOME THEM. MAKING THEM FEEL LIFE IS STILL WORTH LIVING AND THERE IS A PLACE IN THE WORLD FOR THEM WHERE THEY CAN STILL BE USEFUL, ALSO THAT THEIR FAMILIES STILL NEED AND WANT THEM. TRYING TO MAKE THE WAY EASIER BETWEEN THEIR LIFE AS A PATIENT AND LIFE TO WHICH THEY WILL RETURN ON LEAVING THE HOSPITAL. A HELPER, TEACHER, SYMPATHIZER AND FRIEND.....NURSING IS A GREAT CHALLENGE. IT OFFERS MANY OPPORTUNITIES AND IS A WONDERFUL SATISFACTION TO ONE WHO IS CONSCIENTIOUS AND DEDICATED."

JANE WILSON, R.N.
CHARGE NURSE, WARD 6B

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"NURSING MEANS TO ME THE FULFILLMENT OF ONE OF THE GREATEST PRIVILEGES ATTAINED BY ANYONE REGARDLESS OF RACE, CREED OR COLOR. THE DAILY ADMINISTRATION OF MY DUTIES HAS BROUGHT AN UNTOLD SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT. TO BE ABLE TO HELP PEOPLE IN THEIR TIME OF GREATEST NEED BRINGS A FEELING OF SATISFACTION.....IN THE HOSPITAL I HAVE EXPERIENCED THE GIFT OF FAITH AND BELIEF IN THE WORTH-WHILENESS OF LIFE....I HAVE EXPERIENCED THE SHARING OF MY LIFE WITH PROFESSIONAL MEN AND WOMEN DEDICATED TO THE COMMON CAUSE OF ALLEVIATING THE SUFFERING OF A FELLOW HUMAN BEING.....THE NURSING PROFESSION HAS BROUGHT THE DEEP AND MOVING EXPERIENCE OF SHARING THOSE MIRACLES WROUGHT BY BOTH GOD AND MAN.....TO BE ABLE TO GIVE UNSELFISHLY HAS MADE EVERY DAY CHRISTMAS FOR ME. WHAT MORE COULD ANY NURSE ASK OF THIS LIFE?

BERTIE WILSON, LICENSED
PRACTICAL NURSE.

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"IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO PUT ON PAPER "WHAT NURSING MEANS TO ME." I CAN ONLY EXERCISE THE INNATE DESIRE THAT MOVES ME WITH COMPASSION AS I AM BROUGHT FACE TO FACE WITH SUFFERING..... A DESIRE THAT EMBRACES AND REACHES BEYOND THE TEXT-BOOK THEORY, THE ROUTINE OF BATHING, FEEDING, OBSERVING RULES AND REGULATIONS, X-RAYS, MEDICATIONS OR LABORATORY TESTS, FOR THERE ARE MANY IMAGINARY ILLS, JUST AS REAL TO PATIENTS AS IF THEY EXISTED IN TRUTH - THESE TOO, MUST BE CONSIDERED - THUS TO BE POSSESSED WITH AN ATTITUDE THAT INSPIRES AND SUSTAINS HOPE AND CONFIDENCE - AND TO PUT FORTH AN ALL OUT EFFORT, TO REACH AND COUNTERACT WHAT EVER SEEMETH TO DISTURB A PATIENT, MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY, IN SO FAR AS I AM CAPABLE OF DOING SO - REMEMBERING TO SEEK AND MAINTAIN A COOPERATIVE SPIRIT WITH MY CO-WORKERS AND NEVER KNOWINGLY VIOLATE THE TRUST OF MY SUPERIORS - THOSE IN AUTHORITY - IS AS NEAR AS I CAN EXPLAIN WHAT "NURSING MEANS TO ME." .....IRA ALVES.

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IRA ALVES, ATTENDANT, WARD 4A.

The Nightingales Chirp

BY DAY: WONDERFUL MUSIC, WONDERFUL FUN, WONDERFUL DANCE - GRACE HINMAN WAS THERE WITH HER CHARMING ESCORT. SHE NEVER MISSES OUR DANCES. THIS TIME SHE HAD A GAY CELEBRATION OF HER BIRTHDAY. MANY HAPPY RETURNS, GRACE. MISS MORGAN "TRIPPED THE LIGHT FANTASTIC" AND LOOKED VERY GLAMOROUS IN HER BLACK GOWN. WE SAW MISS RATHBURN TOO, SWAYING WITH THE ORCHESTRA'S SWING-TIME TUNES AND LOOKING LOVELY IN A NAVY BLUE TAFFETA GOWN. IT WAS GRAND TO SEE OUR DOCTORS HAVING SO MUCH FUN AND IT WAS EXCITING TO SEE ALL OUR WORKING COLLEAGUES HAVING A GOOD TIME IN THE LOVELY SETTING OF THE COLONNADES ROOM WITH A PERFECT ORCHESTRA.....WE ALL WANT TO SEND OUT OUR "WELCOME BACK" HELLO TO THE DOCTORS RETURNING TO SEE US ON NOVEMBER 12TH. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MANY FAMILIAR FACES.....4A HAD A LOT OF FUN FOR HALLOWEEN ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH AT A PARTY GIVEN BY THEIR HEADNURSE, MRS. KAUFMANN AND THEIR ASSISTANT HEADNURSE, MISS KURLAND. A PARTY WITH CIDER, DOUGHNUTS AND APPLE DUCKING CONTEST, WITH PRIZES. YES, ALL THE SQUEALS, GIGGLES AND LAUGHTER CAME FROM 4A THAT DAY. CHILDREN FROM THE OTHER WARDS WERE ALSO CORDIALLY INVITED.....BE CAREFUL IN CARING AND GUARDING "UPPERS AND LOWERS" OF YOUR PATIENTS. IT IS VERY SAD WHEN THESE PRECIOUS ARTICLES ARE LOST.....MISS RAYMOND ENTERTAINED MISS MCCABE LAST MONTH FOR HER STAY IN NEW YORK CITY..... THE WINNERS OF THE ESSAY CONTEST, MISS JANE WILSON, MISS BIRDY WILSON, AND MRS. IRA ALVES WERE HONORED AND PRESENTED WITH THEIR PRIZES BY MRS. WALTER D. FLETCHER, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NURSES' COMMITTEE. MR. SAMUEL S. DURYEE AND MR. T. GORDON YOUNG ALSO CONGRATULATED THE WINNERS. THE PRESENTATION OF PRIZES TOOK PLACE IN THE LECTURE HALL.....IF THE HOSPITAL WISHES TO ADD TO ITS CENSUS, WE CAN GIVE SOME HOPE. WE KNOW OF AT LEAST THREE BRAND NEW DRIVERS IN OUR MIDST. ONLY ONE OF US HAS PASSED THE TEST.....BELOW MISS GLUCK WILL TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT THE INSTITUTE SHE ATTENDED AT TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

BY EVENING: GONE, BUT DEFINITELY NOT FORGOTTON, MISS BERNABE OF 4C HAS RESIGNED. SORRY TO SEE HER GO.....MISS BREWER RETURNED FROM HER VACATION TRIP TO THE SOUTH.....MISS LINEHAN HAD A DOUBLE SURPRISE LAST MONTH, BOTH SAD AND HAPPY. HER SON, IN THE ARMY, WAS CALLED OVERSEAS AND ALSO WAS MARRIED-ALL QUITE UNEXPECTEDLY. SO, SHE IS MINUS A SON FOR AWHILE AND PLUS A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW. C'EST LA VIE!.....GLAD TO SEE OUR EVENING "GENERAL" MADDEN BACK FROM HER VACATION. HER HUSBAND WAS VERY ILL DURING THE TIME SHE WAS VACATIONING BUT WE ARE GLAD TO REPORT HE IS BETTER NOW. NOW WE CAN "STRAIGHTEN UP AND FLY RIGHT", 4-12..... MISS MARGARET TAKACS IS BACK IN SCHOOL THESE DAYS. SHE IS STUDYING AT HUNTER COLLEGE. BEST OF LUCK TO YOU.

BY NIGHT: MISS VILLEGAS ATTENDED THE DANCE. SHE ALSO LOOKED LOVELY AND HAD A GOOD TIME....MISS SHALLING SUFFERED FROM A FALL ON THE 3RD FLOOR WHILE GOING AROUND ON TWO WHEELS. WHEN YOU SKID YOUR "BRAKES" DO NOT DO MUCH GOOD. WE ARE HAPPY SHE IS FEELING OK NOW....IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS, PLEASE LET THIS REPORTER KNOW IT.

********** K. H.

I WAS EXTREMELY HAPPY TO REPRESENT OUR HOSPITAL, AT LECTURES ON HUMAN RELATIONS CONDUCTED BY DR. KENNETH HERROLD, AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. THE LECTURES ILLUMINATED THE NECESSITY OF MAINTANING HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP, AMONG ALL EMPLOYEES OF A HOSPITAL, IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT THE ULTIMATE OF EFFICIENCY. HAPPINESS IS A DERIVATIVE OF HARMONY AND I HOPE WE CAN ALL EMPLOY SOME OF THIS WONDERFUL MATERIAL.

********** W. G.

BETTER DUST OFF YOUR TIARA, GET THE SPARKLERS OUT OF THE VAULT, AND YOUR MINK FROM STORAGE, THE METROPOLITAN OPERA OPENED ITS GALA SEASON, NOVEMBER 8TH. SORRY YOU COULDN'T BE THERE OPENING NIGHT, THAT IS, IF YOU COULD HAVE GOTTEN TICKETS! IT'S A WONDERFUL THRILL AT ANY TIME SO HOPE YOU CAN MANAGE TO ATTEND ONE PERFORMANCE.....SO MANY NEW PLAYS OPENING ON BROADWAY - THE FAMOUS LUNTS ARE BACK AFTER AN ABSENCE OF FIVE YEARS, IN NOEL COWARD'S 'QUADRILLE', FRIENDS WHO HAVE SEEN THE OPENING IN BOSTON SAY ITS WONDERFUL, OF COURSE THEY ARE ALWAYS WONDERFUL IN ANY PLAY AND WE WOULDN'T MISS IT FOR ANYTHING. THEN THERE IS MARY MARTIN IN THE MUSICAL VERSION OF "PETER PAN", THE REVIEWS ALL PRAISE IT HIGHLY - EZIO PINZA IS STARRING IN A NEW MUSICAL "FANNY", AND OF COURSE IF YOU SAW HIM IN "SOUTH PACIFIC" YOU WILL WANT TO SEE HIM AGAIN. I'LL SAY ITS GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO GET TICKETS FOR ANY OF THESE SHOWS, SO BE PREPARED TO WAIT TWO TO THREE MONTHS FOR SEATS. "PATIENCE IS ITS OWN REWARD" YOU KNOW. OTHER PLAYS STILL ON BROADWAY AND WELL WORTH SEEING ARE -"THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH" NOW WITH ELLIOT NUGENT AS THE STAR, "THE TEAHOUSE OF THE AUGUST MOON", BURGESS MEREDITH NOW PLAYING THE LEAD, AND THE "SOLID GOLD CADILLAC" - MINUS JOSEPHINE HULL.

TOO BAD WE ARE JUST TOO LATE FOR THE FAMOUS NATIONAL HORSE SHOW AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN ONLY OPEN FROM NOVEMBER 2-9.....DON'T MISS THE NEW YORK CITY BALLET WHICH WE TOLD YOU ABOUT IN LAST MONTH'S R&C., OPENED NOVEMBER 3RD THROUGH DECEMBER 5TH. THEY ARE GIVING THE FABULOUS "NUTCRACKER" AGAIN THIS YEAR. WE SAW IT AND LOVED IT.

ALEC GUINNESS OPENS IN A NEW MOVIE "DETECTIVE" AN OLD G.K. CHESTERTON'S FAMOUS FATHER BROWN, HE IS ALWAYS DELIGHTFUL TO SEE, NOW PLAYING AT THE FINE ARTS THEATRE. I SEE THAT GRETA GARBO AND RUDOLPH VALENTINO ARE THE GREAT FAVORITES WITH AUDIENCES AT THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, YOU KNOW THEY SHOW OLD FILMS IN THE MUSEUM AUDITORIUM TWICE DAILY 3 AND 5:30. IT'S AN INTERESTING AND OFTEN AMUSING EXPERIENCE.

AND, IF YOU HAVEN'T VISITED THE UNITED NATIONS, ATTENDED A GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING, TOURED THE BUILDING, SEEN THE INTERESTING AND FASCINATING SHOP OF ALL NATIONS ON THE LOWER FLOOR, AND THE BOOKSHOP THERE, WITH THE UNITED NATIONS CHRISTMAS CARDS, DO PUT IT ON YOUR MUST LIST. S'ALL FOR NOW.

********** J. W.

RECORD ROOM

THERE IS VERY LITTLE TO RELATE THIS MONTH..... THE ONLY REALLY IMPORTANT NEWS IS THE FACT THAT ANOTHER WEDDING IS ON THE WAY.....THIS TIME CLAUDETTE NACIARRONE WILL WALK DOWN THE WELL-WORN AISLE TO SAY HER, "IDO'S".....THE PERTINENT FACTS: CLAUDETTE WILL BECOME MRS. THOMAS HICKEY ON JANUARY 22, 1955..... CONGRATULATIONS, CLAUDETTE AND TOMMY.....WE WELCOME THEA WEINBERG AND EVELYN PROIETTI, OUR NEW ARTHRITIS SECRETARY AND CLINIC SECRETARY..... OCTOBER SAW THE DEPARTURE OF ROSILAND GIARRAPUTO....WE ALL WISH ROZ THE BEST OF EVERYTHINC WITH HER NEW JOB.....MR. AND MRS. S. KUNIS, (IRENE SIEGEL) ANNOUNCED THE ARRIVAL OF A BABY DAUGHTER, JODY ELLEN. CONGRATULATIONS!

********** P. A.

ORTHOPAEDIC RESIDENTS:

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER SAW THE HOSPITAL SWING INTO HIGH GEAR WITH THE CENSUS CLIMBING, THE SPECIALTY CLINICS OPENING, AND THE MANY CONFERENCES RESUMING - THE COMPARATIVELY RELAXED PACE OF THE SUMMER WAS DEFINITELY A THING OF THE PAST - A THING THAT NO DOUBT WILL BE LONGED FOR IN A FEW MONTHS.

THE SCOLIOSIS BOYS CAN BE SEEN WORKING AWAY AT THE RISSER JACKETS EVERYDAY WITH CHISEL AND SAW SINGING, "I'LL NEVER SAY NEVER AGAIN"! BOB KERIN CAN'T EVEN LOOK AT THE MENU WITHOUT ASKING HIMSELF IF IT IS "DESIRABLE, PERMISSABLE, OBTAINABLE, AND MAINTAINABLE".

TWO BIG ANNUAL EVENTS TOOK PLACE IN OCTOBER. ONE WAS THE ARRIVAL OF ANOTHER OFFSPRING FOR DR. GRIFFIN AND THIS TIME WITH AN IMPORTANT VARIATION. AFTER THREE GIRLS HE FINALLY HAD A BOY OF WHICH HE IS VERY PROUD. TWO DAYS LATER THE 4TH ANNUAL R&C BALL WAS HELD AT THE ESSEX HOUSE. ONCE AGAIN IT WAS A MEMORABLE EVENING OF FUN AND RELAXATION.

ON NOVEMBER 12TH WE ARE HAVING OUR NEXT ALUMNI DAY FOR FORMER STAFF MEMBERS. AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM FOR THE ENTIRE DAY HAS BEEN ARRANGED, ENDING WITH DINNER AT THE YALE CLUB. THE "RUPTURED AND CRIPPLED" HOUSE STAFF EXTENDS A HEARTY WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI ON THEIR DAY.

********** J. G.

SOCIETY NEWS:

ONE OF THE BIGGEST SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE SEASON WAS THE MARRIAGE OF MISS CARMELA DEBENEDITTIS, SECRETARY IN THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, TO MR. FRANK CETTINA OF LONG ISLAND. THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, AT A NUPTUAL MASS AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH IN BROOKLYN. THE BRIDE WAS A VISION OF LOVELINESS AND BEAUTY IN SATIN AND LACE CARRYING A PRAYER BOOK TOPPED WITH WHITE ORCHIDS. THE GROOM LOOKED VERY HANDSOME AND JUST BEAMED ALL OVER. THE BRIDESMAIDS, FOUR IN ALL, AND THE MAID OF HONOR WERE RADIANT IN THEIR VELVET GOWNS OF TEAL BLUE AND RED RESPECTIVELY, AND THE USHERS MADE AN ELEGANT APPEARANCE. THE WEDDING PARTY WOULDN'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT MENTIONING THE ADORABLE FLOWER GIRL, WHO WAS NO MORE THAN FOUR OR FIVE AND WHO WALKED AND LOOKED LIKE A LITTLE PRINCESS.

THE RECEIPTION WAS HELD AT THE HOTEL ST. GEORGE IN BROOKLYN WHERE A WONDERFUL DINNER WAS SERVED. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 300 GUESTS AT THE RECEPTION AND A GRAND TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. AMONG THE GUESTS WHO ATTENDED FROM THE HOSPITAL WERE MR. AND MRS. T. GORDON YOUNG, MR. WARREN E. UNGBERG, MR. AND MRS. S. MERENDINO, MRS. ANN QUIGLEY, MISS CATHERINE HANLON, MISS LOUISE HARING, MISS ALPHONSA SISTI, AND FATHER SUGIHARA OF ST. AGNES CHURCH.

THE BRIDE AND GROOM SAILED FOR EUROPE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, ON THE ANDREA DORIA, WHERE THEY WILL SPEND THEIR HONEYMOON VISITING ITALY AND FRANCE. THEY WILL RETURN ON THE QUEEN ELIZABETH SOMETIME IN THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER.

WE WISH THEM LOTS OF HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS FOR THE FUTURE.

********** E. M.

AMONG OURSELVES:

THANKSGIVING DINNER

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN OLD CUSTOM OUR BOARD OF MANAGERS IS AGAIN EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE HOSPITAL TO EAT THEIR THANKSGIVING DINNER HERE AS GUESTS OF THE HOSPITAL, WHICH WILL BE SERVED IN THE FIFTH FLOOR CAFETERIA ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH FROM 11:30 TO 1:00 P.M. THE HOUSE STAFF MAY BRING TWO RELATIVES OR FRIENDS AS GUESTS OF THE HOSPITAL. IF ANY EMPLOYEE WOULD LIKE TO BRING FRIENDS THEY WILL BE MOST WELCOME BUT THESE FRIENDS WILL BE THEIR GUESTS AND EACH THANKSGIVING DINNER WILL COST. $2.50.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING :- THERE WILL BE MANY NICE PRESENTS AVAILABLE AT THE CORNER SHOP THIS YEAR, AS WELL AS CHRISTMAS CARDS, ETC., SHOP EARLY!

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ON SEPTEMBER 23RD THE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNMENT AND DINNER OF THE MEDICAL STAFF OF H.S.S. AND ALUMNI

WERE HELD AT THE BONNIE BRIAR COUNTRY CLUB.